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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The application filed with the USPTO on this date is a copy of PCT application serial no. PCT/EP2003/013777, that was originally filed in German on December 5, 2003, claiming priority from a German national patent application filed on December 5, 2002, DE 102 56 953.3. After translation of the PCT application in English, the applicants have amended the claims to put them in better condition for review by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Corrected claims are included in this Preliminary Amendment.

Filed along with the Preliminary Amendment are the following documents: a) a copy of the original PCT

application, PCT/EP2003/013777 in German, b) an English translation of that PCT application, c) a copy of a Certification of Translation of the application into English, d) a copy of the International Search Report relating to the PCT application that was mailed on April 28, 2004, e) the first page of International Publication No. WO 2004/050738, f) a copy of the Request, Form PCT/RO/101, g) a copy of the Demand, under Chapter II, Form PCT/IPEA/401, h) a copy of Form PCT/IB/306, naming Mr. Chmielewski as an additional inventor, i) a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report of April 22, 2005 and j) and transmittal documents for that application.